

Department of Health

BOARD OF MASSAGE

MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2003

9:00 AM

Department of Health Conference Center, 1101 Eastside Street, Olympia, WA 98504

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Sunday, January 26, 2003 - 9:00 a.m. -- OPEN SESSION

1. CALL TO ORDER

3.1 Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved without changes.

3.2 Approval of June 23, 2002 and July 14, 2002 Meeting Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved with the correction to the spelling of Anni Langsam's name.

2. 2003 MEETING DATES

Ms. Putscher provided a proposed list of meeting dates and locations for the board's consideration and approval. Following a brief discussion, the board agreed to meeting dates for 2003. Meetings may be cancelled and/or rescheduled when agenda items do not require action by the board.

3. PROGRAM MANAGEMENT REPORT

3.1 2003 Legislative Session

Ms. Putscher provided a brief overview of the current legislative session as well as several 2003 legislative proposals. At this time, no legislation has been proposed that directly impacts the practice of massage or the work of this board.

The board asked Ted Hulbert and Rose Foster to serve as the board's legislative contacts during the 2003 legislative session.

3.2 Board, Commission, Committee Protocols

The Health Professions Quality Assurance Board/Commission Protocol document was provided to the board for their review. This document, outlining the roles and responsibilities of a board or

commission member, was developed by staff from a model provided to the program manager of the Veterinary program. The protocol document will be on a future agenda for the board to consider for adoption.

3.3 Health Professions Quality Assurance Policy D30.01 – Felony and Gross Misdemeanor Convictions

Health Professions Quality Assurance Policy 30.01, Felony and Gross Misdemeanor Convictions was presented to the board for their review and adoption. This policy is intended for use by staff during the application review process. The policy provides a guideline for decisions when a background check indicates an applicant has been convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor.

Following a brief discussion, the board approved and adopted HPQA Policy 30.01 for use during the application process.

3.4 Spring 2003 Board, Commission, Committee Conference

Staff informed the board that the Spring 2003 Board, Commission, Committee Conference has been cancelled.

3.5 October 20, 2002 – AMTA-WA Chapter Meeting

Ms. Putscher provided the board with an overview of the October 20, 2002 AMTA-WA Chapter meeting she and Gail Zimmerman attended. Ms. Zimmerman and Ms. Putscher were invited to attend to answer questions and provide background information regarding the new state licensing examination.

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4. **NATIONAL CERTIFICATION BOARD FOR THERAPEUTIC MASSAGE AND BODYWORK (NCBTMB) –**
The board will be reviewing information provided by the NCBTMB regarding the new National Licensing Examination (NLE) being offered by the NCBTMB. The NCBTMB will begin offering the National Certification Examination for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork (NCE) as a National Licensing Examination (NLE) option for applicants that are seeking a license to practice in a particular state, but are not required to become certified. The board will be deciding whether to accept the National Licensing Examination for purposes of massage practitioner licensure in Washington State.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

- 5.1 **National Certification Board for Therapeutic Massage and Bodywork – December 3, 2002. –**
- 4.2 **QwestDex – May 10, 2002**

The board was provided with copies of correspondence for their review.

6. MESSAGE PRACTITIONER FEE REDUCTIONS

Information was provided to the board regarding the proposed fee changes for massage practitioners. As information becomes available, it will be provided to the board and interested parties.

7. ANIMAL MESSAGE PRACTITIONER RULES

Ms. Putscher provided an update on the status of the Animal Massage Practitioner rules.

CLOSED SESSION – 11:30 a.m.

- 8. JURISDICTION AND SCHOOL PROGRAM REVIEW** – *Reviewing board members will be presenting jurisdiction and program approval requests for the full board's consideration and action.*
- 9. SITE REVIEWS** – *Reviewing board members will be presenting completed site review reports for the full board's consideration and action*
- 10. SCHOOL ACCREDITATION AUDITS** – *Reviewing board members will be presenting completed program/school re-approval applications for the full board's consideration and action.*
- 11. EXAMINATION DEVELOPMENT**

OPEN SESSION – 2 p.m.

12. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The Board of Massage elected new officers for 2003.

Chair – Ted Hulbert

Vice Chair – Rose Foster

13. ADJOURNMENT